

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—The physicians at the detention hospital at Montauk Point report no new yellow fever cases since yesterday. Altogether there are 300 men in the hospitals, though only 7 yellow fever ^{cases} _{yes}. There are two cases of scarlet fever. By order of the ^{the} _{and wa} of War, 30 days' furlough is granted to all who ask leave ^{old settlers of}.

PEOPLE

Attendance at the Old Settlers' Meeting.

INTERESTING GERMANS

Are Being Held This A Harvest List of Those Who Have Died Within the Past Year.

The celebration of the Old Settlers' meeting this afternoon at Fairview park is being held in a very good manner. There are over 5000 persons on the grounds and several hundred vehicles. The exercises held today were quite interesting. Rev. W. L. Bingham and Rev. A. F. Cobb took part in the exercises and the address of welcome was made by R. H. Woodcock. The day was a delightful one and the park was as pleasant a place as could possibly be found for such a gathering.

There are many old people from all parts of the county in attendance. Probably the oldest man on the grounds is Alexander Bell, aged 96 years. He came to this county November 17, 1823, and has lived here ever since. He is the only living member of the Mt. Zion Cumberland Presbyterian church. Ira Wamsley, who has been here for about 70 years, is also among the oldest. J. A. Draper, aged 71 years, is probably the oldest settler who was born in this county. He has lived here all his life.

Among the old people who were seated on the platform today were the following: A. O. Stevens, E. W. Ross, T. A. Fritchett, R. H. Woodcock, A. Draper, Ira Wamsley, M. Eason, D. Everett, William Chew, John Buck, William B. Wheeler, Mrs. M. Omer, Mrs. V. A. Thompson, Mrs. Julia Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Johnson, Sr., Mrs. Fannie Wilson, Mrs. Sarah Henson, Mrs. M. E. Dennis, Hiram Ward, Mrs. May Querry, James Abrams, Rev. Abner Cobb and Mrs. Sue Odom.

Vocal solos were presented by Miss Beatrice Howard, accompanied on the piano, David W. Lory, a 10 year old boy with a wonderful musical talent, also sang. A chorus of old people sang a number of selections.

LIST OF THE DEAD.

W. O. Outton made the report of the obituary committee. He read a list of the old settlers of the county who have died within the past two years. The following is a list of the members who died within the time between August 27, 1898, and August 26, 1899, and the age of each at the time of death: John Veach 73, Mrs. Emily Lintell 61, Elizabeth Travis 49, A. J. Wheeler 88, James H. Jones 54, George Q. Baker 83, Mrs. Mary Nicky 71, George W. Schroll 60, Mrs. Rebecca Camp 78, E. L. Walker 78, Mrs. Sophia McClelland 64, Isaac Shellabarger 74, John Ryan 73, Daniel Good 73, William Flory 73, Charles Wise 74, Charles A. Ewing 60, Mrs. Elizabeth Wilcox 70, Mrs. Sarah J. Tandy 70, Mrs. Brooker 71, Mrs. Martin Albert 40, John Chapman 80, Mary Weikles 50, James T. Winslow 60, Mrs. Katherine McGuire 66, A. J. Williams 36, Lewis Bricker 41, Mrs. Nellie Pendelope Drury 78, Charles H. Fuller 72, Patrick DeCoursey 78, Judah Kopy 71, Dr. W. H. Walters 70, William Mulholland 76, J. E. Travis 68, Mrs. Elizabeth Reed 84, Mrs. Amelia Todd 67, John Bottomfield 60, Mrs. O. Kramer 68, Thomas Lord 70, Mrs. Evaline Maxwell 65, Mrs. Margaret Augustus 64, W. H. Hopkins 62, W. Craycroft 64, Mrs. J. J. Padden 67, Mrs. Catherine Houser 69, Mrs. Catherine Leary 60, W. T. Dillehunt 60, Mrs. M. J. Schroll 64, J. A. Lowry 71, Alfred Maxwell 78, Mrs. Susanah Epier 67, E. A. Jones 70, Mrs. J. P. Gorder 48, H. Coble 78, William J. Hanford 80, W. P. Park 76, Amos Howenstein 48, Mrs. Hannah Myers 60, Mrs. O. Powers 70, John P. Auer 70, George R. Stelle 61, Mrs. Anna Morris 64, Mrs. Anna Melchers 71, Mrs. Thomas Hays 80, W. W. Poldedord 68, Henry Shaw 80, Rev. James Warner 88, Fred Jostes, Sr., 60, Mrs. Caroline Stommel 76, Robert Morchland 69, Mrs. Bessie Gibson 105, Fred Bromley 60, Mrs. Catherine Holly 68, Mrs. Sarah Minerva Kent 61, John D. Hinkle 68, Mrs. Elizabeth Rugh 88, Mrs. Susan Conrad 72, Dr. W. A. Barnes 70 and Thomas Watts 73.

The above list was read at the last meeting and therefore it was read today. The following is a list of those who have died since the meeting last year and their ages:

Adam Mielich 71, Mrs. Sarah A. Nelson 53, J. R. Gordin 70, Mrs. William Evans 67, Fred F. Fuller 68, Byron Benton 81, Allen Scott 81, P. S. Outton 89, Mrs. W. F. Busbor 82, Mark Simpson 78, Henry Hunsley 60, Mrs. Mary A. Goodman 75, Susan Williams 61, Mrs. M. Dunham 80, Elijah Graham 77, Rosalind Danely 74, Samuel R. Miller 68, Mrs. Rebecca Burk Serongin 60, Robert C. Young 80, John Kitch, Dr. R. F. Parker 60, Mrs. Robert Taylor 76, Eli Ulery 81, Mrs. American Chonoweth 76, William Howers 71, Mrs. Minnie McGinnis 71, Mrs. Lizzie J. Traugher 61, Mrs. E. B. Trail 80, Samuel Helt 69, Mrs. Elizabeth Law 78, Mrs. Judith Oglesby McClelland 74, Henry F. May 63, Mrs. Laurence Shaffer 60, Mrs. Fannie Pharis 62, Mrs. Nancy Wheeler 58, J. C. Lake 65, Thomas Waddell 60, Mrs. Ida R. Downing 40, W. T. Cole 76, Mrs. W. H. Boan, Mrs. Mary Freeman 74, Mrs. Laura A. Brayden 78, William J. Brown 71, Mrs. Anna Rogers 60, Mrs. Mary Morgan Hughes 67, Mrs. M. J. Marchand 63, W. T. Wells 61, Mrs. Charlotte Elson 78, Mrs.

LAND GRANTS

Explained by Alexander McIntosh This Morning

AT THE COUNTY INSTITUTE

Graduation Exercises Will be Held To-Morrow Forenoon—Attention—Ladies at the Institute is Good.

The principal feature of the Mason County Teachers' Institute today was a lecture which was delivered this forenoon by Alexander McIntosh, one of the candidates for county judge. The address was on the subject of the different methods adopted in the distribution of government lands. Mr. McIntosh explained thoroughly the various ways in which the lands were disposed of by the government and the address was quite instructive to the teachers as well as being interesting.

Mr. McIntosh said there were four general methods adopted in distributing the lands. First grants to individuals, second grants to states, third grants for special purposes to states and individuals, and fourth disposition by sales. The speaker went into details and sold of the grants for railroads, canals and public roads, grants to states for school purposes under the act of 1850, and of various other methods. The lecture was interesting to the teachers as they were given facts in regard to the land system with which everyone is not familiar. The classes were instructed today at the regular hours as usual.

THE COMMENCEMENT.

Tomorrow the commencement exercises of the graduates of the county schools will be held at Grace Methodist church from 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon until noon. The institute will be adjourned during that time to give those in attendance an opportunity to be present at the exercises, but the classes will be taken up again in the afternoon. The commencement exercises will be in charge of County Superintendent J. G. Keller. Sixty-seven young men and women will graduate from the ten year state course of study and they will be the first class to graduate in the state. The program will open with a vocal duet by Misses Daisy Fletcher and Mary Clark and the invocation will be pronounced by Rev. W. Bedford Jones, rector of All Angels' Episcopal church. An instrumental solo will be rendered by Miss Birdie Dittler and an address will be delivered by Joseph H. Freeman, S. S. P. I. The diplomas will be presented at the close of the address and a song will be given by a trio composed of Misses Daisy Fletcher, Laura Elio and Mary Clark and the exercises will close with the benediction.

THE EXAMINATIONS.

The classes of the institute will close tomorrow afternoon and on Saturday the examination for teachers certificates will be held by Superintendent Keller.

BUGLE CALLS ON SHIPS.

By This Means the Sailors of the Navy Are Promptly Called to Duty.

On board a man-of-war the bugle and the boatswain's pipe are employed to avoid the noise and confusion of shouted orders. The boatswain's pipe is used chiefly for commands bearing on seamanship work. Its sounds are absolutely incomprehensible to a landsman, but every sailor understands them quite as well as he would understand words. Of course, even with the pipe the shouting of orders cannot be altogether abolished. For example, if the captain desires to use his gig, he sends word to the officer of the deck, who in turn calls the boatswain's mate on watch and says: "Call away the gig."

The boatswain's mate blows a long, shrill blast on his pipe, and shouts: "Away gig!"

This process is changed when the bugle is used. Then the officer of the deck commands the bugler to call away the gig, and that functionary plays the "Gig" call. The boatswain's pipe is used when all hands are called to moor or unmoor ship, and when the work is completed the boatswain "pipes down," which means that he blows a pipe which permits those not actually at work to go below. It is a dismissal of all hands from the work for which they were summoned. When, however, all hands are called to their stations for a duty connected with the fighting business of the vessel, the bugle is employed. For instance, at 9:30 every morning all hands are called to quarters and inspected at their stations. After this the usual morning drill begins. For this purpose the bugler sounds, at 9:25, either the music known as "Trumpet's call," or another known as "Call to arms." At 9:30 he blows "Quarters for inspection," which is what is seen at a glance in the call known to soldiers as the "Assembly." The call marked "General quarters" is used when the men are summoned to man guns, open magazines, and make all the other preparations for a fight. The call marked "Dismiss" is heard when the crew is dismissed from any duty of this kind. It corresponds to "pipe down," but is seldom used after a seamanship job.

Head Cut.

Raymond Lyon, the 8 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Lyon of 902 South Broadway, was struck on the head by a stone while playing with several small boys in the street near his home last evening. The stone cut a gash in the left side of his forehead one inch in length and penetrated to the bone. Dr. W. C. Bowers attended to the injury which is not serious, but of a serious nature.

Special Sale of Ladies' Shirt Waists.

One lot of fine Percale Shirt Waists, light colors, each—15c
20 dozen fresh, new, stylish Shirt Waists, made up in the best manner—Fine Lawns, New Gingham and choice styles of Madras, worth 75c to \$1.25, for, each—50c

Fine Silk Shirt Waists.

One lot of manufacturer's samples Fine Silk Shirt Waists, 34 to 36 inch, at, each—\$2.95, \$3.95 and \$4.95.

Wrappers.

One lot of fine Lawn Wrappers, light colors only, well made and trimmed, were \$1.50 to \$2.00, to close at, each—95c

Fancy Silk Ribbons.

50 pieces of Fancy Ribbons, all silk, 4 1/2 and 5 inches wide, per yard—10c

Ladies' Hosiery.

One lot of Ladies' finest quality Lisle Thread Fancy Hosiery, tans and high colors, worth 50c and 75c, for, pair—25c



THE MUSTER OUT.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—It was authoritatively stated in the War Department that by the end of September the army would be greatly reduced, and from this time a gradual reduction will be made.

It is impossible to state definitely which of the Illinois organizations will be included in the reduction, as the President has made so many changes in the list, and the regiments already listed may be retained.

PERSONAL.

—Attorney J. M. Gray is attending a picnic at Palmer, Ill., today.

—Mrs. J. B. Dinges is visiting at Warrensburg for a few days.

—Attorney C. C. Leforge is making a professional trip to Pana today.

—Dr. A. L. Collins left for Sullivan this morning, where he addresses the Modern Woodmen, who are holding a county picnic today.

—Mrs. Ida Shoemaker received a message this morning of the serious illness of Mrs. Shoemaker's sister, Mrs. E. L. Howard, at East Chicago, Ind. They will leave for there tonight.

—Miss Anna Baderhausen and Miss Fannie Woodruff, who have been visiting at Indianapolis, returned home this morning.

—Hyrd Davis has returned from Shelbyville, where he has enjoyed an outing for the past week.

—Miss Mabel Drosson of Greenville is visiting with her uncle, J. H. Kirkland and family.

—Mrs. S. Griffin of Macon stopped in the city today.

—Frank Broth, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Broth, residing north of the city, is ill.

—Mrs. William Hamman of North Clinton street is ill.

—Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Morgan are entertaining their nephew, Frank Lyman of Springfield.

—Mrs. F. B. Easterly is the guest of her parents at Blue Mound.

—Charles Ott and his sister, Miss Ott, and Miss Lena Koesick, are visiting on a farm near Mowquaqua.

—Water in the Soil.

The United States agricultural department has found that the fertility of soils depends largely on their capacity for retaining moisture. In many western localities crops grow luxuriantly with scarcely any summer rain, depending on the water absorbed during winter and retained during the entire summer by the soil. This novel theory is insufficient to account for the presence of so much water as is found perpetually present in the soil of the Mojave and Nevada deserts. It is even thought to be possible that the permanent water supply existing at a depth of 40 to 100 feet may be responsible for the ever-present moisture. The effect of forests on rainfall is now under active discussion by several authorities, who differ widely in their conclusions, some holding that forests increase rainfall and others not accepting this view.

A miniature Moor castle has been erected at the Thousand Islands.

LOGAN COUNTY FARMER GONE

LINCOLN, ILL., August 18.—George A. Thomas, a well known retired farmer, has suddenly disappeared from his home, and no traces of him can be found. His family do not know his whereabouts.

Arion Quartette to Sing.

The Arion Quartet, composed of D. L. Bunn, R. W. Chilson, C. W. Montgomery and Bartram Gher, will furnish the music at the services at the Grace M. E. church on Sunday evening which will be conducted by Rev. Mrs. Sophie Gibb, former pastor of the Universalist church of this city, but now pastor of the Universalist church at Boone, Iowa. All friends of Rev. Gibb are especially invited to attend and everyone will be made welcome.

Picnic at Mowquaqua.

A party of young people drove to Mowquaqua this afternoon to attend a picnic which will be held at that place this evening. The party was composed of the following: The Misses Neldermeyer, Miss Mary and Amelia Birks, Mrs. Hartman, Fred Neldermeyer, Barney Roberts and Ed Klott.

Sales of Real Estate.

Nancy L. Swain to Stephen H. Swain, the west 56 feet of the south half of block 7 of Kaufman's addition to Decatur; \$1200.

Mattie E. Perkins to William E. Surfact, lot 6 and 10 feet off of the south side of lot 5 in North Park addition of outlots to Decatur; \$3750.

Entertainment Last Night.

The members of the German Aid society completed their annual picnic yesterday by a dance at the Turner park last night. The College Hill Mandolin club furnished music and those in attendance passed a pleasant evening.

Installation.

Tonight is the regular meeting of Canton lodge No. 19, I. O. O. F. Installation of officers.

Notice.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of The Decatur Mutual Loan Association will be held in the office of the secretary, No. 147 Mercantile street, on Monday evening, August 24, at 8 o'clock, for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before them.

R. W. WOOD, Secretary.

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\$4.00 Shoes at \$3.00
\$2.50 Shoes at \$2.00
\$2.00 Shoes at \$1.50

100 pairs of Men's and Vici Kid Shoes, shoes worth at \$6.00, \$5.00 and \$4.00. Now.....

40 pairs Edwin Cla Shoes, during this sale.....

200 pairs Misses' and tan or black, in selling at \$1.25, \$1.00 to \$1.75.....

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For Men or Women, in Tan or Black.

100 pairs of Men's Patent Calf, Enamel and Vici Kid Shoes, in medium pointed toes, shoes worth and have been selling at \$6.00, \$5.00 and \$4.00. Now..... **\$2.45**

40 pairs Edwin Clapp's Chocolate Shoes, during this sale..... **\$3.75**

200 pairs Misses' and Children's Shoes, in tan or black, in lace or button; been selling at \$1.25, \$1.35 and up to \$1.75..... **\$1.00**

175 pairs of Boys' and Youths' Shoes, in Veal and Satin Calf, worth \$1.25 and \$1.50, are now.... **\$1.00**

190 pairs Little Gents' Tan Shoes, sizes 10 to 13, stylish and good wearers, now..... **\$1.00**

50 pair Little Gents' Satin Calf Shoes, sizes 10 to 13, worth \$1.00. Now..... **85c**

100 pairs Misses' Kid Button Shoes, sizes 12 to 2, were \$1.35. Now..... **90c**

100 pairs Infant's Shoes, soft soles, black or tan..... **35c**

Infant's Shoes, in soft soles (any color), or turned soles. 35c, 45c, 60c, up to \$1.

125 pairs Ladies' Tan Oxfords, in small sizes, 2 1/2, 3, 3 1/2, and 4, were \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00. Now.... **95c**

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WEATHER.

CHICAGO, August 18—Illinois: Partly cloudy tonight and Friday, with scattered showers tonight; variable winds.

LOCAL NEWS.

Davis—Cabs 25c, Trunks 15c. Baled hay 25 cents; two bales of straw 25 cents at the Lyon Hay Market, 539 West Green street.—Aug. 11-dlm

Arnold's Bromo-Oleary cure head aches, 10, 25, 50 cts. Bell, the druggist. Geo. W. Ehrhart loans money on any goods. Collateral, best rates, mcb22-tf

Smoke the Little J. Guaranteed to contain no artificial flavor.—1-dtf

Denz—the Leading Tailor.—apr6-dtf

If you want first class painting, paper hanging, kalsomining, at prices that are right, call on or telephone (new) 615 for W. H. Spence. Residence 1463 Henderson avenue, Riverside Place.—8-dtf

A great show for little money at the Opera House all next week. Ferris' Comedians.

August 19 is the day that the Peoria, Decatur and Evansville railway will run the O. A. K. train from Decatur to Greenup. Note only \$1.50. See the agents and get particulars.—13-dtf

Grand Army of the Republic.

The Peoria, Decatur & Evansville railway will run an excursion from Decatur to Greenup, Ill., account of the reunion of the Cumberland county veterans. Special train leaving Decatur at 7 a. m. Returning leaving Greenup at 10 p. m. This will be the largest reunion ever held in the state. See the bills. Some of the most noted men in the state will take part in the exercises. Call on agents for further information or write A. A. Palmer, G. P. A., Evansville, Ind.—13-dtf

The Peoria, Decatur & Evansville Ry.

Will run an excursion to Mauckhew Falls Sunday, August 21. Rate 75 cents. Special train leaves Union depot at 7:30 a. m. The Modern Woodmen will go in a body from Decatur to Mauckhew Falls Sunday, August 21. Fill your baskets and go with them if you want to have a pleasant time. Do not miss the Woodman picnic at Mauckhew Falls Sunday, August 21, via the P., D. & E. Ry. Rate 75 cents round trip.—15-dtf

Three specters that threaten baby's life. Cholera infantum, dysentery, diarrhoea. Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry never fails to conquer them. Sold by all druggists.

Sunday School Picnic.

The Sunday school of Wesley chapel went out to Fairlawn park in busses this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock and are enjoying their annual picnic. An elaborate supper will be served at 5 o'clock.

"Itching hemorrhoids were the plague of my life. Was almost wild. Doan's Ointment cured me quickly and permanently, after doctors had failed." C. P. Cornwell, Valley street, Saugerties, N. Y. Sold by all druggists.

Persian Lecturer.

John Sergis, a native of Persia, will lecture at the Edward street Christian church on next Sunday evening on "Persia, the Land of Cyrus." Mr. Sergis is a missionary among his people and will wear his native costume and sing in his native tongue.

OLD SETTLERS' DAY.

Reunion of the Macon County Convention at Fairlawn Park.

Address by Rev. A. W. Hawkins--Basket Dinner-- Large Attendance of Pioneers--Those Who Have Gone Before.

The annual reunion of the Macon county pioneers is in progress today at Fairlawn park, the old fair grounds, where in the years ago many of those who were within the enclosure today seated in the pavilions or rambling about 'neath the trees, supported by canes, used to attend county fairs, but on the races and buy pop corn, ginger bread and peanuts for the girls who are now mothers of their children; and today in the assembly are grand children and great grand children of the early settlers who came to Macon county before the "deep snow" to send the Indians scurrying and drive away the wolves. Fairlawn park is an ideal place for a large gathering, and the officers of the association in selecting the park did wisely. It is one large tract of land in Macon county which will always be familiar to the people of Macon county. It is a park, not only for Decatur people, but for everybody in the county. Everybody can at once locate the springs, and the old log court house in which Lincoln used to try cases stands near the south fence, a relic of the old days when that structure was considered a fine piece of architecture, one of the best court houses in the west.

Attendance Was Good.

The attendance at the meeting was good. There were quite a number of old settlers present and many other younger people were in attendance and listened to and enjoyed the interesting exercises. This forenoon the time was taken up by the address by Rev. A. W. Hawkins, pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. Some of the old settlers gave short talks about the old times when they settled in this county. At noon a big picnic dinner was served.

Rev. A. W. Hawkins' Address.

Rev. Hawkins said in part: "To the pioneers of Macon county and honorable descendants, I hail you happy on this anniversary day. With pioneers next to Christmas and 4th of July, this is the greatest day of the year. The day they met to greet each other and recount the battles they fought on the prairies and along the streams in the early part of the present century.

"This is a monumental day. When I visited the great Mammoth Cave in Kentucky I found in a large hall or chamber of the cave monuments which had been erected to the different states, individuals or occasions, with the stones which cover the floor of the chamber each individual leaving a stone to mark a particular person, event or sentiment. And so we add another to our ever-growing monuments of the hardy and heroic settlers of the county, many of whom are gone and left their deeds to remain a lasting monument to their admirable lives.

"This is the day of heroes. The present year has added a long list to the nation's roll of honor. But there are heroes older than those who fought in our sanguinary battlefields and in marine engagements. Civil life has its heroes and heroines. The men and women who penetrated the prairies and forests and laid the foundations of the present and forthcoming civilization fought as noble battles as was ever won and gained brilliant victories as did Dewey, Sampson, Schley, Holston, Shafter or Miles. They were built of as fine a fibre and animated with as fine a spirit as any class of men or women that ever marked this earth. It is fitting that we, their beneficiaries, should meet once a year, brush the dust from the roll of honor and add their names to the list.

"The settlement of the American continent has developed a new, and in some respects, a superior people. The dangers and hardships of pioneer life closed the doors against any but the bravest and adventurous. It was truly a Gideon's band. Sheer necessity developed habits of industry and economy. The creative germ of our country was developed from necessity of invention, hence we build the best warships, we stand foremost in our manufactures and we excel in all branches of industry. The American people have the blood of the best representatives of all the nations of the world in their veins, hence the superiority of our common and soldiers. They are the offsprings and worthy representatives of a noble ancestry. The present generation will have no easy task to maintain the standard of excellence of nobility, of manhood and womanhood taught us by our forefathers.

"Our early settlers did not confront steel clad warships, nor Spanish regulars, but enemies more numerous and formidable; the drenching rains, pelting hail, summer suns, winter's intense cold, with but poor and inadequate protection from these elements. For the benefit of the young people I have something here which I call a 'Glossary of ancestors.' They tell a tale of some of the difficulties under which our forefathers labored.

GABRIEL OF GIBBONS.

"Corn 6 cents per bushel. A. J. St. Clair declared rather than haul corn to Decatur and sell it at that price he would open his crib doors and invite the chickens and squirrels to help themselves, which he did.

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SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

"There were no lead pencils. Pencils were made from bar lead. There were no primary books at all. The parents would fashion paddles and over these paste paper and write the letters of the alphabet on this rudely fashioned lesson book. After the primary stages were passed books were to be had for the higher studies, but were few and were loaned from family to family. The school buildings were primitive. There were no windows, but a place of the log would be cut out and a paper pasted over to do duty for light giving purposes.

AMMUNITION.

"Ammunition was scarce. Mr. Penke tells of the small game like squirrels, rabbits, birds, etc., which he killed with a shot gun loaded with Yankee beans.

"Willie Johnson, 78 years of age, has the first money that he ever earned. It is a pickyone and was earned by chopping wood in Kentucky before he came to Macon county. He has carried the place 65 years.

"Dick Oglesby was energetic and progressive. He undertook to grow hemp for ropes. The crop was gathered and placed in a small stream east of the city to rot. A neighbor's horse drank the water from the stream and was poisoned and died. Oglesby had to pay for the horse and this wrecked him financially and he gave up the attempt to raise hemp. Among the old curiosities was the old ox mill owned by Peddecock & Smith.

In closing Rev. Hawkins said: "The superiority and power of conquest of the American people is exhibited in nothing with more force of example than the rapidly with which they have subdued this continent. Europe was 1000 years in civilizing her continent. This land from ocean to ocean, from Mexico to Canada, will be a densely populated and highly civilized land at the close of 300 years. Macon county has been converted from a wilderness into a garden in less than 75 years."

A tribute was paid by the speaker to his old friend J. R. Gorin, who last year was among the old settlers, but who this year is gone, greatly and sincerely mourned by all.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Business Session Held--Resolutions Adopted--Obituary Report.

After dinner in the afternoon a business session was held. The report of the committee on obituary was read by W. C. Outten. It gave the names, age and dates of the members of the association who have died within the past two years.

The Officers.

The nominating committee, composed of J. S. Kizer, Hiram Ward and Joseph S. Tait, reported the following nominations and the same were elected by the members as officers for the ensuing year:

President—Hiram Ward of Elwin.
Vice President—A. B. Camp of Long Creek.

Treasurer—James A. Wilson of Decatur.

Secretary—John Quinlan of Decatur. The following were chosen as members of the executive committee from the different townships:

Austin—W. H. Parker.
Blue Mound—W. T. Moffett.
Decatur—J. S. Kizer, M. L. Leam, Dr. E. W. Moore, James A. Wilson, E. McNaib, W. C. Outten, T. A. Pritchett, M. Stafford, Dr. W. J. Chenoweth and W. E. Nelson.

Harristown—Daniel Stockey and Thomas F. Talbot.
Friends Creek—James A. Shepherd.
Elwin—E. J. Roberts.
Long Creek—A. B. Camp and James Logan.

Marion—T. H. Barr.
Macon—R. H. Woodcock and J. S. Tait.
Milan—Frank Slick.
Mt. Zion—J. A. Turpin, S. C. Trauer and J. A. Draper.
Niantic—J. P. Farris and James Dingman.

Oakley—S. P. Niskey.
Pleasant View—Wyatt Cherry and Roy M. L. Bankson.
Elwin—Hiram Ward and John H. Miller.

Whitmore—Oliver Stewart.

The Resolutions.

The report of the committee on resolutions, which was composed of W. E. Nelson, W. C. Outten and J. A. Draper, was read by Judge Nelson. The report was as follows and was adopted by the association:

our annual meeting assembled at Fairlawn park, resolve

First—That our thanks be tendered to the commissioners of the park for the courtesy extended in affording us the use of so pleasant a place of meeting this year and for the facilities provided by them to conduce to our comfort and enjoyment and the effort they have made to make our meeting pleasurable.

Second—We hereby tender to Rev. A. W. Hawkins assurance of our grateful appreciation of his able and appropriate address delivered to us in this meeting.

Third—Our thanks are cheerfully tendered to the officers of the association and to the several committees by them appointed for the efficiency of their services during the year just ended and the interest they have manifested in their efforts to provide for our comfort and pleasure in our meeting; especially do we express our appreciation of the services of our secretary, John Quinlan.

Fourth—That the pleasure of the day has been enhanced by the music furnished by the pianist and by the choir and especially have we enjoyed the music by the old people's choir and by the talented young vocalist, David Levy.

Fifth—We indulge a grateful pride in the character of our men in our navy and the soldiers in our armies and in the recent illustrations of their skill and valor. The memory of the heroes who have given their lives to their country we will ever pay tribute of grateful respect and honor, and we tender our sympathy to their dear ones to whom their loss is irreparable, nor do we forget to extend sympathy and assurance of our appreciation to our brave seamen and soldiers yet suffering from wounds and diseases in their country's service. We rejoice in the vindication of the nation's honor, in the patriotism of the men who guided affairs as a people and in the peace which has come, and

Sixth—That we have enjoyed the day and its pleasant incidents and we now separate in the strength of the kindest of renewed ties of friendship and in pleasant anticipation of our next meeting.

The Committees.

The following are the names of those who served on the committees and arranged for the meeting:

To Secure Speakers—W. E. Nelson, R. H. Woodcock and W. C. Outten.

Music—A. C. Stevens, T. A. Pritchett and D. L. Bunn.

Printing—John Quinlan.

Providing bunks for passengers to and from the park and for providing chairs for the pavilion—James E. Wilson and John Quinlan.

Obituary—M. Eison, James E. Wilson and W. C. Outten.

Resolutions—W. C. Outten, W. E. Nelson and J. A. Draper.

Nominations—J. S. Kizer, Hiram Ward and J. S. Tait.

The Walston-Gray Marriage.

Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Walston arrived from Homer on the 1 o'clock train yesterday afternoon. The Homer papers of Wednesday evening give the details of the marriage ceremony in the following manner:

"The beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Gray in this city was the scene of a quiet, though elegant wedding at high noon today. The contracting parties were the eldest daughter, Miss Eva, and Dr. R. L. Walston of Decatur. The ceremony was performed by Dr. Penhaligon, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Decatur, and was witnessed only by the family. The couple have been acquainted for the past eight years and the choice is mutually wise. The bride has resided in Homer from childhood and possesses the highest esteem and admiration of all. She graduated in the class of 81 at the Illinois Female college, Jacksonville, and for many years has taught music and art. Added to her rare gifts of heart and mind are her well known domestic accomplishments, which makes her a grand companion for any man. The groom is a prominent citizen of Decatur, a splendid man and one of the finest physicians and surgeons in the state. Dr. and Mrs. Walston left on the 3:15 p. m. train for their home in Decatur. The groom is 30 and the bride 25.

At Prairie Hall.

The annual Sunday school picnic of the school of Prairie Hall will be held at the Mills' grove one half mile east of Prairie Hall on Thursday, August 25. Addresses will be made by P. P. Laughlin, Rev. M. B. Spayd and A. H. Mills of Decatur. There will also be numerous other attractions offered in the program and the arrangements have been made for a large attendance and an enjoyable time.

Gone to Denver.

Mrs. D. J. Williams, daughter, Estelle, and son, Wayne, left today for Denver, Col., where they will make their future home. D. J. Williams and a daughter, Marie, will follow later. Wayne will now will attend school at the state university of Colorado this winter and later will teach in the public school of Denver.

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DEATHS

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AN ORDINANCE

FOR CONCRETE SIDEWALKS.
 Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Decatur, Illinois:

Section 1. That the sidewalks on the streets of the City of Decatur, Illinois, be constructed of concrete.

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A BRAVE AMERICAN SAILOR.

How Reuben James Saved the Life of Commodore Decatur at the Battle of Tripoli.

The naval history of the United States is replete with instances of individual bravery and heroism that have made Uncle Sam's sturdy star especially dear to the hearts of all patriotic Americans.

One of the most remarkable of these heroic deeds, the unusual character of which has given it a special place in the naval annals of the country, was that of Reuben James, an ordinary seaman, who saved the life of his commander, the famous Commodore Stephen Decatur, by a deliberate act of self-sacrifice that has hitherto remained unequalled.

During a battle with Tripolitan war vessels, in the early part of the present century, Decatur boarded one of the enemy's ships to revenge the death of his brother, who had been treacherously killed by a Tripolitan commander. The latter was slugged out by Decatur, and as soon as he got aboard, and a fierce hand-to-hand conflict ensued.

The Turk was a large, powerful man, and grappled Decatur, both men falling on the deck. Just then another Tripolitan officer aimed a blow with his sword at Decatur's defenseless head. Reuben James, an American sailor, both of whose arms were temporarily disabled by wounds, saw the impending blow, and, dashing forward, he interposed his own head to save that of his daring captain. Fortunately the blow was glancing one, but it made a terrible gash in his skull. It was a long time before he recovered from the effects of the blow; and his brave act was suitably recognized by congress, which granted him a pension, though he continued in active service.

Besides being a brave man, James was also a philosopher of the Diogenes type, though he probably had never heard of that wise old man's interview with the great Alexander. When his injuries were healed James was asked by Decatur what he could do for him. The sailor, who was quite a gunner on the vessel, and had charge of the men's hammocks, touched his hat in the customary salute, and, after a moment's reflection, replied: "Nothing, sir, as I know of, 'cept you might let 'em 'n' else give out the hammocks, when they're 'peeped down'."

Reuben James was a true type of the old-time tar, of the kind who looked upon a mere landsman as an individual to be pitied, if not despised. He was a native of Delaware, and became a sailor when a mere lad. In 1797 he was captured by a French privateer and suffered great hardships. That experience only intensified his love for a life on the ocean wave, and upon his liberation he shipped aboard the Constellation, in 1799, and he took part in the battle between it and the French warship, L'Insurgente, and the French warship, L'Insurgente.

In 1804, he joined the famous frigate United States, and was one of those who volunteered to accompany Lieut. Stephen Decatur, when that fearless spirit determined to destroy the American warship, Philadelphia, which had fallen into the hands of the enemy, and lay in the harbor of Tripoli. He remained under Decatur's command and took part in the numerous fierce conflicts which marked America's naval war with the Tripolitans.

He followed Decatur to the Enterprise, the Constitution, and the Congress, and was with him in the United States when that frigate captured the Macedonian. He was also with him on board when Decatur was shot down by a whole British squadron in January, 1815, on which occasion James was wounded three times before he would go below and have his injuries attended to. He took part in the naval war with Algiers, and during the long peace that followed he was constantly cruising about in one or the other of the United States warships in the Pacific Ocean. He died in 1820, and his body was buried in the city of Philadelphia.

The Turkish Treasury.
 On the occasion of the Kourban Ramazan, a month's salary on account of arrears was paid to the members of the public service in the Turkish empire. There was great rejoicing everywhere in the army as well as in civil life. The troops, justly and justly, however, a certain number of men, for the past year had been subjected to the most rigorous discipline, and the result of their loyalty had been sufficiently remunerative to them. When the first announcement was made toward the last of April, that the payment would take place, the excitement was such that the money was counted out in the amount of 1,100,000 (Turkish). The Imperial Ottoman bank, which had been established in 1869, had been the first to issue the paper money, which was the first step toward the redemption of the empire from the financial straits in which it had been for many years.

Phytia That Take Pills
 A Turkish physician has discovered a method of inducing fertility in plants to which he has given the name of "Phytia." The method is simple and easy, and it is said that it has been successful in many cases. The physician has discovered that the plants which are most fertile are those which are most fertile. The method is simple and easy, and it is said that it has been successful in many cases.

The Heavens.
 "Garnet does not approve of the new moon-chord, and he encourages his wife to 'go to it'."

Woman's Steady Performance.
 The French have produced the most remarkable literature on record. This is an old woman named Julie, who has been married for many years. She has been married for many years, and she has been married for many years.

The more territory retained in the Philippines the greater will be the love of the people for McKinley.

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The above represents an 18 size, open face, coin silver case, screw bezel, stem wind and stem set, with SOLID GOLD STEER inlaid in the back, fitted with a fine 17 jewel adjusted, patent regulator, Elgin, Waltham or Springfield movement, and fully guaranteed. Regular value, \$18.00--

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2:12 Class Pace.....500.00

WEDNESDAY.

2:27 Class Trot.....\$400.00
2:23 Class Pace.....400.00
2:16 Class Trot.....500.00

THURSDAY.

2:27 Class Pace.....\$400.00
2:10 Class Trot.....500.00
2:16 Class Pace.....500.00

FRIDAY.

2:19 Class Pace.....\$500.00
2:24 Class Trot.....400.00
Free for All Pace.....500.00

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Races next week at the trotting park.
Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Kook.

Smoke the Little Joker—5 cent cigar
Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 23-diff
Economy copying pads, pad boxes and office supplies at

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Ladies Free, Opera House, Monday night, if accompanied by the holder of a paid 30 cent ticket.

Do you want plastering done. If so telephone 638, new phone. Deane Hard Plaster Co. Perry & Oren—5-4-4
Pictures and Frames at Melchers' Art Store south of the Postoffice.

Half the ill that man is heir to come from indigestion. Burdock Blood Bitters strengthens and tones the stomach, makes indigestion impossible. Sold by all druggists.

See the favorite pianos at the C. B. Prusoff music house. They are the Chickering and Packard, and sell at low figures on easy payments.

October 1 will be Chicago day at the Omaha exposition.

Accidents come with distressing frequency on the farm. Cuts, bruises, stings, sprains. Dr. Thomas' Elettro-Chloride the pain instantly. Never safe without it. Sold by all druggists.

PERSONAL.

—Miss Elizabeth Hoffman of Circleville, Ohio, arrived this morning for a visit with her sister, Mrs. Arthur Dawson of West Eldorado street.

—Messrs. A. E. Park, Will Gray, Ed McClelland and Bert Glasgow spent the day fishing near Kretzer's lake yesterday. They had a fine day's sport and brought home several large fish.

—Miss Mamie Davis of Jacksonville is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kirkland of 807 North Union street.

—Mrs. John Johnson has resigned her position as bookkeeper for the Johnson Dry Goods house. Miss Conover will succeed her.

—Miss Basile Laforgue left today for Davenport, Iowa, to visit her sister, Mrs. J. B. Hostetler.

—O. W. Montgomery has returned from a business trip to Attica, Ind.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brownback will return tomorrow from a visit at Day View, Mich.

—Miss Lillian Crea has returned from a stay of several weeks in the east.

—Miss Anna Badenhausen has returned from a visit at Indianapolis.

—Dr. W. B. Hostetler made a professional call at Harriestown this morning.

There was a heavy rainfall in the vicinity of Harriestown last night and this morning and the roads are reported in a bad condition.

—Charles Mills of Boston and Oliver Mills of Winona, brother and uncle of Dr. C. C. Mills, are here to attend the Mills-Wilson wedding tonight.

—Ralph Honey, George Lokis and Ralph Lokis are visiting with friends at Peoria.

—J. H. Hodges has returned to his home at Mondota, via Bloomington.

—Mrs. A. M. Allen of Urbana is in the city for a short visit with friends.

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We will deliver bottled beer to any part of the city in cases of two dozen quarts or three dozen pints at the following prices:
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Favorite Beer—\$2.00.
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WINE & TEA, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. WALKING, KIRK & MARY, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Testimonials free. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

The Ferris Wheel is still in Chicago, but Ferris Comedians will be here all next week.

MANY PEOPLE CANNOT DRINK coffee at night. It spoils their sleep. You can drink Grain-O when you please and sleep like a top. For Grain-O does not stimulate the nerves, cheer and food. Yet it looks and tastes like the hot coffee. For nervous persons, young people and children Grain-O is the perfect drink. Made from pure grains. Get a package from your grocer today. Try it in place of coffee. 16 and 25c.

FROM A SICK SOLDIER.

Hospital at Fortress Monroe—Battleship "Illinois" a Peach.

Mrs. V. B. Russell this morning received a letter from her nephew, Charles Van Arsdale of the Springfield Guards. Mr. Van Arsdale has been in the government hospital at Fortress Monroe for several weeks with an attack of typhoid fever and is just now able to sit up. He says when he was received at the hospital he was literally packed in ice as a first course in the treatment. There are over 600 soldiers in the hospital, most of them suffering from fevers, but a number have serious wounds from the battles of Santiago and the bombardment of Porto Rico. Mr. Van Arsdale praises his nurses and physicians for the treatment received and speaking of the nurses says: "The hospital is filled with pretty women nurses, poor women, I feel so sorry for them. They have to keep on a run from morning until night and never seem to stop for rest. They are attractive to look at wearing white shirts, white skirts and white caps, and are so patient and kind."

"You speak of enlisting as a nurse. If you want to work like a dog for a small salary go to Chicago and enlist, but you had better take a fool's advice and go off and jump into the old Songamon before you enter into Uncle Sam's service."

Mr. Van Arsdale inspected the battleship Illinois while at the navy yard at Newport News and describes the ship as a "peach," and worthy of the admiration and pride of the citizens of the state.

PLACES ON THE TICKET.

The Republican Candidates Held a Meeting Last Night to Draw.

A meeting of the Republican candidates was held last night at the office of Constable H. K. Midkiff for the purpose of drawing for their places on the county ticket. All of the candidates were present excepting Joseph Miller. The meeting last night was in charge of Captain Lytle, L. H. Martin and Bert Jobb, who were appointed as a committee to arrange the matter. Slips of paper on which were written the names of the candidates were dropped in a hat and drawn out in the order on which they will be placed on the ticket. The result was as follows:

County Judge—Alex. McIntosh, W. L. Hammer.
County Clerk—J. M. Dodd, B. C. Davis.

County Superintendent—J. G. Keller, J. L. Wick.
Sheriff—A. H. Hill, A. E. Davidson, H. K. Midkiff, J. H. Record, Peter Port and W. W. Foster.

County Treasurer—Joseph Miller.
It was decided that 10,000 tickets would be needed and each candidate will be allowed 500 tickets for his personal use. These will be given out Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

BOHEMIAN GIRL SEPT. 1.

Decatur Opera Company Decides on a Date for Their Star Performance.

The Decatur Opera company have finally decided upon the date for the presentation of the opera "The Bohemian Girl" and the performance will be given on Thursday, September 1.

The cast for the opera includes the very best of local talent and the company are satisfied that nothing has ever been given in the city by home talent that has surpassed this performance. The chorus is made up of 10 of the best voices of the city and the principals are all good. Miss Baun's work is too well known to need any comment and Mr. Baun holds a place in the first rank of the tenors of the United States. Mrs. Baun will present the part of "Arline" and Mr. Baun that of "Ludovic." The costumes are ordered from Chicago as is the stage settings and scenery and the opera will be presented in first class style. This will be Mr. Baun's first appearance in operatic work since his study and success in New York and will probably be his last appearance before a Decatur audience in a role of this sort.

BURNS PROVE FATAL.

Earl Elsen Dies at Monticello of His Injuries From Gasoline Flames.

Earl Elsen, the boy who was so badly burned while cleaning his clothes with gasoline at Monticello on Tuesday, died of the injuries received from the burns at 11 o'clock on Tuesday night. His parents and sister were out of town at the time of the accident. His father reached home on the 6:17 train from Decatur, but the mother and sister were not present at the time of his death.

Funeral services were held at 10 o'clock this morning at the M. E. church and were conducted by Rev. W. S. Gathoun. Interment was made in the new cemetery.

Missionary Talk.

George L. Gelwick of the McCormick Theological Seminary of Chicago talked at the prayer meeting services at the First Presbyterian church last evening. Mr. Gelwick is a young volunteer missionary who has volunteered to do missionary work and when his schooling is ended will go into the foreign fields. In his talk he told of the system of work among the heathen and emphasized the work done by missionaries who educated, taught mechanics and administered to the sick. He said this was the best way of making way for the teaching of the gospel. Tonight a talk will be made by Mr. Gelwick at the First Presbyterian church to the members of the missionary committee of the Christian Endeavor societies of the city.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE.
Washington 9, St. Louis 5.
Baltimore 1, Louisville 2.
Philadelphia 1, Pittsburgh 1.
Boston 6, Chicago 2.
New York 3, Cincinnati 1.

Will Go to Indianapolis.

The members of Decatur Company No. 86, Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias, will go to Indianapolis next week to attend the national encampment of the order. At a meeting of the lodge last night it was decided to take the trip. They will leave Sunday or Monday and will be gone about five days.

How to Look Good.

Good looks are really more than skin deep, depending entirely on a healthy condition of all the vital organs. If the liver is inactive, you have a bilious look; if your stomach is disordered, you have a dyspeptic look; if your kidneys are affected you have a pained look. So, to have good looks, you will surely have good health. "Electric Bitters" is a good Alterative and Tonic. Acts directly on the stomach, liver and kidneys, purifies the blood, cures pimples, blotches and boils, and gives a good complexion. Every bottle guaranteed. Sold at J. E. Krug and C. P. Shilling drug stores. 50 cents per bottle.



RIVER DISASTER RESULT

Frantic Effort to Save Her

All Stood on a Tender pending Decision

PITTSBURGH, PA., August 18.—A cloudburst at Bridgeville, Pa., south of here, this morning caused Mill Run to overflow, resulting in damage in the west end.

A vast crowd was congregated at foot of Main street to watch the "the waters undermined the bank" and people are known to have been on the portion of the embankment which gave way. All were present in the raging stream. Among the known to have been there were Loftus and her three children, Irene and Mrs. O. Shaughnessy, a man. People in shifts rescued a child. Boys are wading river carefully to pick up bodies.

The cloudburst up the Run this morning caused a tidal wave in the stream and endangered the lives of a people. Children missing are supposed to have been drowned. They are Loftus, Regie Loftus, Genevieve

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NEW YORK, August 18.—General Merritt has returned from Manila, dated August 17, which provides a scheme of territory and other island of which are:

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PANA, ILL., August 18.—L. Crosby's court yesterday James and Edward Jones, the no miners who fired upon and several strikers Monday at Sp coal shaft, waived examination a bound over to the circuit court \$500 bond each. The union mi press the most bitter feeling for and Jones, and when they took parture from the court room a f heads suggested that they sh swung up to an electric light poi

Another tent was erected at side by the strikers. Just what they have in erecting the tents is ter of much conjecture, but it is generally believed the union an heavy re-enforcements by Sunday dy from other mining towns. By however, it is argued the strike assemble in the tent and by so